



P. K. KEEN
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(RETIRED)

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Ken Keen is employed as a Senior Fellow for the National Defense University in support of the Pinnacle, Capstone, and Keystone programs. He is also a Highly Qualified Expert - Senior Mentor for the Joint Staff J7 in support of Combatant Command and Joint Task Force Operations and Exercises..

Lieutenant General P. K. (Ken) Keen is a native of Hyden, Kentucky and was commissioned as a 2LT in the Infantry following graduation as a distinguished military graduate from Eastern Kentucky University in December 1974.

LTG Keen retired from the U.S. Army on 1 March 2013 with over 38 years of experience leading military and government organizations. He commanded a Company and an Airborne Battalion in the 82nd Airborne Division; 1st Ranger Battalion and the 75th Ranger Regiment; a Special Forces Detachment; Military Group in Colombia and Office of Defense in Pakistan; U.S Army South; and Joint Task Force units including participating in combat operations in Panama and Iraq.

He served on 3 U.S. Embassy country teams (Colombia, Haiti, and Pakistan) leading the U.S. military forces in each country during crisis periods.

Keen was Commander of Joint Task Force – Haiti leading a force of over 22,000 personnel in the largest U.S. military's response to a foreign disaster following the earthquake in Haiti on 12 Jan 2010. He has worked extensively with governments, the United Nations, and non-government organizations in Latin America and the Caribbean in response to natural disasters and on humanitarian assistance projects.

He led the Office of Defense Representative – Pakistan, with an annual \$1.05-billion security assistance aid budget, collaborating with and coordinating efforts among the International Security Forces in Afghanistan on border operations between Pakistan and Afghanistan, as well as supporting U.S. interagency organizations in counter-terrorism efforts. He worked to nurture personal relationships with senior Pakistani military leaders to sustain military-to-military relationships during the most challenging period in our bilateral relationship in the last 20 years.

LTG Keen was the second in command at U.S. Southern Command in Miami in execution of U.S. military humanitarian assistance, disaster relief operations, and counter-drug operations spanning a diverse theater of 31 countries and 15 areas of special sovereignty in Central America, South America, and the Caribbean. He worked in Latin America for over 11 years in various capacities.

LTG (Ret) Keen currently operates PKKEEN Consulting, LLC with a focus on leadership development, national security, relationships in Latin America and Pakistan. He serves as a Leadership Executive in Residence at the Goizueta Business School at Emory University and is a Board Member for the J/P Haitian Relief Organization.